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Details of samples analysed during the last one yew alongwith the result thereof :-

Laboratories	No. of samples analysed	No. of samples not con-forming to soeci-flcaiion'J
Phalodi .	686	232
Jaipur	822	94
Patdi	3,707	623
Ahmedabad	458	132
Bharnaga dhara	1,914	39
Jamnagar	647	171
Bhavnagar	574	89
Patna . .	142	41
	8,950	1.471 (16%)

stribution and pricing of white cement

624. SHR1RAMSINH RATHWA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has any direct control over the production, distribution and/or pricing of white cement; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry had any such control at any point of time in the past; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether production of white cemsnt and its distribution and pricing is governed by Industries (Development and Regulation) Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) "Portland Cement' which *inter alia* includes white cement appears at Heading No. 35 (1) of the First Schedule of the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951, and thus the manufacture or production of white cement is governed by all the provisions of the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951.

As regards distribution and pric ing of white cement, it had been outside the scope of Cement Control Order, 1967 as amended from time to time. However, effective from 1-3-89, Government have removed price and distribution control on the Cement Industry.

Import of grey and white cement

625. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to import cement during 1983-84; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) what was the quantity of cement recommended to be imported through the canalising agency and what was the proportion of grey and white cement in such imports; and

(c) whether it is a fact that there was sufficient production of white cement during the above period and if so, what were the reasons for recommending imports of white cement through canalising agency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM: (a) Import and Export policy (April 1983-March 1984) provided as under in regard to import of cement:—

"Cement including clinker

In the case of cement including clinker, the import will be made

only by the State Trading Corporation of India (STC), under Open General Licence, on the basis of foreign exchange released by the Government in its favour. Imports, distribution and pricing will be made by the STC as per the connected policy of Government in the Ministry , of Indusry."

(b) STC, as canalising agency, were authorised to import for the year 1983-84 five lakh metric tonnes of grey cement and six thousand metric tonnes of white cement.

(c) The production of white cement during the year 1983-84 was about 83,000 metric tonnes. However, on the basis of indents placed on the canalising, agency (STC) by the actual' users, it was found necessary to import 6,000 metric tonnes on one-time basis to meet the gap between demand and supply. Accordingly, STC were authorised to import six thousand metric tonnes of white cement, against the year 1983-84, to meet the requirements of the actual users registered with STC, •-preference being given to export-oriented units.

Letters of Intent for setting up industries in the States

626. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Letters of Intent issued for setting up industries in Bihar and other States during the financial year 1988-89; State-wise; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to remove the industrial backwardness of Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) A total number of 22 Letters of Intent have been issued during the financial year 1988-89 for setting up industries in Bihar State. A statement showing the State-wise position of grant of Letters of Intent during the year 1988-89 is attached. *(See* below)

(b) Entrepreneurs setting up industries in centrally declared backward areas are eligible for priority in licensing, concessional finance, income-tax exemption, lower export obligation for setting up units for non-Appendix-I industries by MRTP/ FERA companies etc. No licence is required by Non-FERA companies for seting up industries upto an investment limit of Rs. 50 crores in backward areas. An amount of Rs. 14.09 crores has been reimbursed to Bihar as Central Investment Subsidy from the inception of the scheme and upto 31-3-1989.

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State-wise break-up of Letters of Intent (LOIs) Issued during the Financial Year 1988-89

State/Union Territory	1988-89 LOI
1 2	3
1. Andaman & Nicobar Islands . . " .	
2. Andhra Pradesh.	108
3. Arunachal Pradesh	² ▪
4. Assam , . . .	10
5. Bihar .	22
6. Chandigarh . . .	
7. Dadra & Nagar Haveli	2
8. D"m?n&Diu	3
9. Delhi	2
10. Goa .	14
ll.GuJarat	99
12. Haryana .	61
13. Himachal Pradesh	27
14. Jammu & Kashmir	12
15. karnataka	87